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1. THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO PROMPTLY RELAY
THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PROFESSOR JAMES F. CASE,
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL
SCIENCES, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA 93106:

"IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTERS OF 27 AND 29 JANUARY 1975,
THE EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICER ACCOMPANIED BY THIRD
SECRETARY JOHN F. BUCKLEY, AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, ON 5
FEBRUARY 1975 MET MISS SJAMSI AH CHAMAD, CHIEF, BUREAU OF
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, INDONESIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCES
(LIPI), JAKARTA. A COPY OF THE "PARTICIPANTS IN
ALPHA HELIX INMBNESIAN RESEARCH PROGRAM, 1975" WAS
GIVEN TO HER ALONG WITH OTHER FORWARDED CORRESPONDENCE.
IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTIONS AS TO THE VISA STATUS OF
THE SCIENCE TEAM MEMBERS, MISS SJAMSI AH ASSURED US THAT
VERY DAY LIPI WOULD SEND A LETTER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
IMMIGRATION REQUESTING THAT AUTHORIZATIONS BE SENT TO
THE INDONESIAN EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON, D.C., CANBERRA,
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LONDON AND TO APPROPRIATE CONSULATES MENTIONED IN

YOUR LISTING, SO THAT VISAS COULD BE GRANTED TO MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION. IF NO BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS ARE ENCOUNTERED, SHE THOUGHT THE AUTHORIZATIONS SHOULD ARRIVE IN ABOUT ONE WEEK.

MISS SJAMSAH EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE ADDITION OF NEW MEMBERS ON YOUR LIST, ABOUT WHOM NO PREVIOUS APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED. THE IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS MAY NOT QUESTION, BUT THEY ARE OFFICIALLY AND TECHNICALLY CORRECT, TO DEMAND COPIES OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE NEW PERSONS. THEREFORE, MISS SJAMSAH RECOMMENDS THE NEW MEMBERS FILL OUT THE FORMS, SEND ONE COPY TO THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, CANBERRA, OR LONDON, AS THE CASE MAY BE, AND FORWARD THE OTHER TO HER AT LIPI. IN COMPARING YOUR FINAL LIST WITH THE ORIGINAL LIST AT LIPI WE ARRIVED AT THE FOLLOWING NAMES OF PERSONS WHO SHOULD SUBMIT APPLICATIONS:

DR. JAMES ANDERSON UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

DR. JOHN WAMPLER " " "

DR. PETER J. SIMMONS AUSTRALIA NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

DR. SHIAO-CHUU TU HARVARD UNIVERSITY

DR. ARTHUR HUMES BOSTON UNIVERSITY

DR. HECTOR FERNANDEZ UNIV OF S. CALIFORNIA

DR. JONATHAN GREEN UNIV OF MARYLAND

DR. IVAN POLUNIN UNIV OF SINGAPORE

IF DR. SHIAO-CHUU TU CARRIES A CHINESE NATIONALIST (TAIWAN) PASSPORT, HE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVED AN INDONESIAN VISA BECAUSE INDONESIA DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE TAIWAN GOVERNMENT, SAID MISS SJAMSAH. SHE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE NAME OF DR. IVAN POLUNIN AND HOPES THAT HE IS NOT A CITIZEN OF A COMMUNIST COUNTRY, BECAUSE THE INDONESIAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES WILL PROBABLY UNCLASSIFIED

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BLOCK HIS VISA, IF SO. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT YOUR JANUARY LIST IS THE FINAL COMPLETE LIST. WE ADDED YOUR NAME AS IT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN INADVERTENTLY OMITTED. THE FOLLOWING NAMES FROM THE ORIGINAL LIST, WHICH WERE NOT INCLUDED ON YOUR FINAL LIST HAVE BEEN DROPPED BY LIPI FROM THE NAMES SUBMITTED FOR VISAS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION:

MR. AND MRS. BUCK

MR. CHILDRESS

MR. PETER HERRING

MR. JOSECBSON

S. B. LAUGHLIN

D. B. MACUADA

V. B. MEYER-ROCHOW

BEATRICE M. SWEENEY

SINCE THE R:V ALPHA HELIX SAILED 20 JANUARY 1975 FROM CALIFORNIA FOR AUSTRALIAN MATERS, THE SHIP CLEARANCE HAS BECOME IMPERATIVE. THE INDONESIAN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT IS TECHNICALLY WITHIN ITS RIGHTS TO REFUSE VISAS TO ANY MEMBER OF THE EXPEDITION UNTIL THE SHIP CLEARANCE IS GRANTED. MISS SJAMSIAH HOPES THEY WILL NOT INSIST ON THEIR PEROGATIVE. TO INITIATE SHIP CLEARANCE PROCESSING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NEEDED PROMPTLY:

A. THE NAME OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE ALPHA HELIX,
NOW AT SEA.

B. NAME LIST OF THE CREW, PREFERABLY WITH NATIONALITIES.

C. LAST PORT OF CALL BEFORE ENTERING INDONESIAN WATERS.

WE PRESUME THIS IS CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA, BUT SPECIFIC
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CONFIRMATION IS REQUESTED.

D. FIRST PORT OF CALL IN INDONESIA.

E. FINAL CONFIRMATION OF THE DATES AND PORTS OF
CANN IN INDONESIAN WATERS.

IT WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS TO PROCESS THE SHIP CLEARANCE FROM THE DGE THE EMBASSY SUBMITS THE COMPLETED FORM.

ON 3 AND 7 FEB THE EMB SCIENCE OFFICER RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS FROM PROFESSOR HORRIDGE'S STAFF IN CANBERRA, ANXIOUSLY INQUIRING ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE VISA ISSUANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN PARTY. THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY CANBERRA WAS UNABLE TO ISSUE

VISAS WITHOUT SPECIFIC AUTHORITY FROM JAKARTA. THE CALLER (PROFESSOR BALL) WAS ADVISED ON HIS SECOND CALL OF MISS SJAMSIH'S REMARKS. FORTUNATELY, IT DEVELOPS THAT THE AUSTRALIAN MEMBERS HAVE ALL SUBMITTED LIPI APPLICATION FORMS TO THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY CANBERRA, THOUGH FORMS OF NEW MEMBERS HAVE NOT BEEN SENT TO LIPI. THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY OFFICER WHO ACCOMPANIED THE EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICER TO LIPI HAS FORWARDED INFORMATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANBERRA, FOR PASSAGE TO PROFESSOR HORRIDGE. ANSWERS TO YOUR OTHER QUESTIONS ARE BEING FORWARDED BY LETTER."

2. FOR THE DEPARTMENT: THE DEPARTMENT IS ASKED TO URGE PROFESSOR CASE TO EXPEDITE INFORMATION FOR THE SHIP CLEARANCE. THE ALPHA HELIX EXPEDITION SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE EQUATED WITH THE CLEARANCE FOR THE R/V THOMAS WASHINGTON. IF THE ALPHA HELIX ARRIVES IN INDONESIAN WATERS WITHOUT THE PROPER DOCUMENTATION THERE WILL BE AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION FOR THE EMBASSY, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE GOI WENT OUT OF ITS WAY TO ACCOMMODATE THE EMBASSY ON THE THOMAS WASHINGTON. NEWSOM

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